

7000 COLLEGE GRADUATES
BEHIND BARS IN AMERICA

Baltimore, Nov. 9. -- Professor Carl Murchison, in a report just made to Johns Hopkins University, detailed the result of three years' research work into American prisons, reveals the following facts: Seven thousand college graduates are behind the bars in various institutions in America. Forty seems to be the danger age. In nearly every case the college-bred criminal is of middle-age when serving his first term. There are more lawyers behind the bars than those of any other profession in the country. Ninety-eight percent of the college-bred criminals are Church members. Not a college professor or highly-trained scientist is a convicted or imprisoned criminal.

Please read that last sentence again.

The Crime Wave.

Prosecutor Remy of Indianapolis and Commissioner Enright of New York are debating the causes of the crime wave. Enright blames the doughboys, and Remy says the criminals they lock up in Indianapolis range from seventeen to twenty-one -- boys who were in knee-pants when the soldiers went to France.

Remy's Case.

Remy blames the lack of religious instruction. He says: "The crime wave cannot be stopped by casting uncomplimentary remarks upon our war veterans. It can be stopped only by a vigorous campaign of moral and religious education."

His Figures.

1. Sixty-two per cent of the population of Indiana are pagans;
2. Half of the Protestant children do not attend Sunday School;
3. Sunday School provides only twelve hours of instruction annually and half of this time is taken up with opening exercises;
4. Catholics provide two hundred hours of instruction annually, as compared with 335 hours provided by the Jews.

Your Burden.

If the moral notions of the community are to be formed by the instructed element, your burden is great, for with the Jews and the small proportion of well-instructed Protestants, you must dictate what is right and wrong, and set the example of virtuous citizenship. And if you follow the pagan instead of leading them, your sin is greater on two counts -- scandal and knowledge. What they do blindly you imitate with open eyes.